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S.B. No. 855

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information a municipality may consider in determining the amount of certain building permit and inspection fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 214, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 214.907 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.907. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN VALUE-BASED BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES. (a) In determining the amount of a building permit or inspection fee required in connection with the construction or improvement of a residential dwelling, a municipality may not consider:

(1) the value of the dwelling; or

(2) the cost of constructing or improving the dwelling.

(b) A municipality may not require the disclosure of information related to the value of or cost of constructing or improving a residential dwelling as a condition of obtaining a building permit.

SECTION 2. Section 214.907(a), Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a building permit or inspection fee assessed by a municipality on or after the effective date of this Act in connection with the construction or improvement of a residential dwelling.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.